

(d) As mentioned in part (c), the figures are maintained on yearly basis. The comparative figures in respect of States of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh are as follows:—

Name of the State	year	No. of Domestic Tourists	No. of Foreign Tourists
Madhya Pradesh	1999	4259086	118391
	2000*	4684995	123127
	1999	11533087	56337
Gujarat	2000*	11408281	31748

\*Provisional

#### **Appointment of consolidators for increasing business of ITDC Hotels**

1954. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a major portion of the hotel business is being captured by the private sector hotels because of their excellent customers attention network;
- (b) whether Government propose to appoint Consolidators at different places to feed additional business into ITDC hotels; and
- (c) the number of existing Consolidators and the Additional Consolidators proposed to be appointed and at what places and the criteria for their appointment?

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THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The major portion of hotel business is being captured by the private sector due to larger share of rooms, better product, working conditions etc. and not only because of better customer attention.

- (b) Government does not appoint Consolidators for ITDC.
- (c) Does not arise.